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SUBJECT: HAWK MISSILES

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1. IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING RECEIPT REFTEL (AT 0830 LOCAL SEPTEMBER 20) I WENT OVER WITH RIFAI POINTS WHICH YOU WISHED ME TO MAKE TO HIM.

2. ON QUESTION OF PUBLIC HANDLING OF PRESS BY DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN, HE SAID HE HAD HEARD BBC NEWS REPORT LAST NIGHT WHICH WAS FINE -- THAT THERE HAD BEEN SOME MIS-UNDERSTANDING AND THAT WE WERE PREPARING TO GO AHEAD WITH THE MISSILE SALE. I GAVE HIM THE POINT THAT WE HAD PROCEEDED AS INDICATED IN SECRETARY'S MESSAGE TO HIM AND THAT DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN HAD GIVEN A YES ANSWER THAT THE PRESIDENT'S LETTER WAS THE BASIS FOR GOING AHEAD. HE SAID THAT DID NOT DISTURB HIM AS LONG AS WE COULD HOLD IT RIGHT THERE. WHAT HE CANNOT TAKE IS A PUBLIC STATEMENT THAT JORDAN HAS AGREED TO ALL THE CONDITIONS.

3. WHEN I TALKED ABOUT YOUR AND JOE'S CONTACTS WITH CASE AND BINGHAM, HE

ALSO SEEMED SATISFIED. HOWEVER, HE SAID IF CASE AND BINGHAM ARE GOING TO MAKE STATEMENTS WHICH UNDERMINE THE

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JORDANIAN POSITION, HE CANNOT COMMIT HIMSELF TO MAKING

NO FURTHER PRONOUNCEMENTS. I PRESSED HIM AND HE SAID THAT HE IS SATISFIED AT THIS POINT BY WHAT HAS BEEN SAID IN WASHINGTON AND WILL NOT REPEAT NOT MAKE A STATEMENT ON THE BASIS OF THAT.

4. DEPENDING UPON YOUR OWN JUDGEMENT OF THE SITUATION, IT MIGHT BE POSSIBLE FOR YOU TO USE THE ABOVE WITH CASE AND BINGHAM TO INDICATE AGAIN TO THEM THAT JORDAN WILL SAY NOTHING FURTHER IF THEY ARE PREPARED NOT TO TALK FURTHER ALSO AND IN PARTICULAR NOT TO EXTEND IN VOLUME AND SUBSTANCE THE REMARKS OF THE DEPARTEMENT'S SPOKESMAN.
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